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SUBJ: REACTIONS TO PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

1. COMMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN VOLUNTEERED TO US WITHIN THE GENEVA COMMUNITY OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ACCREDITED MISSIONS HAVE BEEN SPARSE, AND THE EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET WE HAVE RECEIVED SEEM TO US IN MOST CASES TO BE BALANCED BY AN UNDERLYING ASSUMPTION THAT INCIDENTS SUCH AS THE RECENT ONE, UNUSUALLY BRUTAL AS IT WAS, ARE TO BE EXPECTED UNDER THE CONFRONTATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH EXIST IN THE DMZ. PRESS REPORTS (SUCH AS THE AP STORY DATED PANMUNJOM AUGUST 25 AND CARRIED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE AUGUST 26) CITING THE DPRK EXPRESSION OF REGRET AND POINTING UP THE PRESSURE BEING BROUGHT BY THE U.S. FOR PUNISHMENT OF INDIVIDUALS FOR THE ACTS THEY COMMITTED MAY HELP TO SHIFT THE FOCUS TO ONE OF CLOSER EXAMINATION OF THE CONDUCT OF THE DPRK.

2. WE ANTICIPATE, ALTHOUGH THIS IS YET TO BE TESTED, THAT THE EXPERIENCE SOME OF OUR COLLEAGUES IN NON-ALIGNED MISSIONS MAY HAVE HAD WITH DPRK TACTICS AT THE COLOMBO SUMMIT MAY ALSO GIVE RISE TO MORE CRITICAL EXAMINATION OF THE PANMUNJOM INCIDENT AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE KOREAN QUESTION. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE IF ANY HAVE CONTEMPLATED A LINKAGE OF THE TWO EVENTS. CATTO

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